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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Yuwen Pan

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 13 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 6/13/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant argues that prior art of record, Lim, only discloses two disjoint schemes of communication. And "Lim does not disclose a system or a method capable of selectively providing one of the two communication systems and consequently is not concerned with the determination of which one of the above two communication schemes should be employed based on whether or not the originating and target device are with in the same system or network." The examiner respectfully disagrees. Lim clearly teaches that there are at least two radio link protocols and one radio link protocol is higher than levels of the other without using an interworking function (IWU) (see claim 1 of Lim). And Lim's invention specifies that a method for making a mobile-to-mobile wireless data communication in PCS/digital cellular mobile telecommunication system which allows a direct communication without occupying an IWU. Thus, the precondition of operating within the same system or network is inherent and must be satisfied before carry on the rest of invention steps. Therefore, the previous rejection stands.
2. The new submitted amendment of claims is identical as the previous submitted amended claims. The examiner presumes that there is no further amending toward the claims.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an

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international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-7 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lim

(US006349224B1).

With respect to claims 1, 4, and 6 Lim discloses an apparatus and method for providing fast mobile connectivity during a data communication (see column 3 and lines 7-40), comprising:

Receiving an initial communication from a first wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication system (see figure 5);

Determining if an initial communication from a first wireless communication device operating in a wireless communication system comprises a request to initiate a data communication (See column 4 and lines 30-46);

Determining an identification code associated with a second wireless communication device, said identification code determined from said initial communication (see column 46-49);

Determining if said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system (see column 4 and lines 50-66); and

Routing said data communication to said second wireless communication device without the use of an IWU that is a bank of modems if said initial communication comprises a request to initiate said data communication and said second wireless communication device is operating within said wireless communication system (see column 4 and lines 66-column 5 and line 14), otherwise routing said asynchronous data communication to said second wireless communication device using a modem (see column 2 and lines 31-41).

It is inherent that the whole process needs a processor and storage device to execute information.

5. With respect to claim 2, 3, 5, and 7, it is inherent that every conventional wireless communication system comprising: a database including HLR and VLR, MSC or BSC. And the function of database is to keep tracking the terminal users within the system either visitor or home and inform either the MSC or the BSC whether to do switch locally or to other parties.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

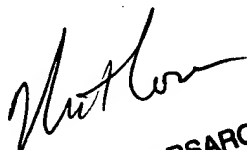
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yuwen Pan whose telephone number is 571-272-7855. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nick Corsaro can be reached on 571-272-7876. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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